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Dear Mai:

A charge of \$84.00 was erroneously deducted for fee code 1201(independent claims in excess of three) from our Deposit Account 50-0481 on October 24, 2003.

It is noted that an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter was filed on September 8, 2003, along with our Check No. 9804 in the amount of \$578.00 for two independent claims (\$168.00) and extension fee (\$410.00). Therefore, it appears that the \$84.00 was charged in error and should be refunded.

For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the October 31, 2003, Monthly Statement of Deposit Account, Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter with dated stamped post-card, and Check No. 9804 including the back side of Check No. 9804 showing that the USPTO in fact cashed the check.

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TEMPERATURE CONTROLLING METHOD, THERMAL TREATING

APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

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ATTENTION: FINANCE DIVISION

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the \$84.00 fee be refunded to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481. Please credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account number 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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A check in the amount of \$168.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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